

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 8-10 are pending and have been rejected by the Examiner. Claim 1 has been amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 6, and 8-10 are presented and at issue. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Logan (US 6665659 B1) and further in view of Heninger et al. (US 6470349 B1). Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Logan (US 6665659 B1) and further in view of Heninger et al. (US 6470349 B1) as applied to claims 1 and 5, and further in view of Lumsden (US 6006217 A).

In view of the amendments to claim 1, Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The Office Action asserts that the Xpointer taught in Logan teaches enabling a client to return to the source document from the target document. Applicants disagree. Logan teaches links between a string of documents. It does not, as amended claim 1 now recites, teach, in the event that one or more intermediate documents along the navigation path between the source document and the destination document no longer exist that the client may return from the source document to the destination document. All Logan teaches is that in the string of documents there may be additional information pointing to a portion of one of the documents but it is silent as to what happens if one of the documents in the string is deleted.

In view of the foregoing, claim 1 is believed to be patentable over the cited references. Claims 2-6 and 8-10 depend from claim 1 and, as such, are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested.

If a communication with Applicant's Attorneys would assist in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any such issues may be promptly resolved.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0441. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-identified Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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